



Setting a seas and oceans research agenda for Europe

EurOCEAN 2014 will provide a valuable opportunity for interaction and exchange between European marine and maritime research actors, stakeholders, policy makers and programme managers. The conference will identify future research priorities in support of blue growth, human health and wellbeing, and sustainable management of coastal seas and oceans. As a key theme, EurOCEAN 2014 will discuss mechanisms to achieve cross-disciplinary approaches in addressing complex societal challenges. The conference will also focus on the goal of connecting science, policy and people.

With a varied and stimulating programme running over 2½ days, EurOCEAN 2014 will include:

- Keynote horizon-scanning presentations from leading European and international scientists;
- Focused discussion sessions on societal, policy and regional challenges including maritime policy, ocean resources, managing marine space, and oceans and human health;
- Dialogue on capacity building including research infrastructures, ocean observing systems and human capital;
- A Mediterranean roundtable, dedicated side events and an open panel discussion moderated by Quentin Cooper, BBC Radio 4 science presenter;
- Identification of emerging challenges and opportunities in seas and oceans research.



Quentin Cooper, panel moderator at the EurOCEAN 2014 conference

The Rome Declaration - ensure you have a voice

Conference participants will contribute to the finalization of a Rome Declaration, designed to set high-level future strategic directions for seas and oceans science and research capacities in Europe. It is intended to seek a unanimous approval of the Rome Declaration during the final session of the conference.

Who should attend?

EurOCEAN 2014 will attract marine scientists, science stakeholders and European and national decision makers and programme managers, i.e. those that set, manage and implement the marine science agenda.

Conference Venue and Date

The EurOCEAN 2014 conference will take place at the headquarters of the National Research Council of Italy (Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche), located in Piazzale Aldo Moro 7, 00185, Rome, from 7 to 9 October 2014.

Registration

Register online at www.eurocean2014.eu/registration

- **Early Bird** until June 16, 2014 €150
- **Full Fee** June 17 – Sept. 30, 2014 €250



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The EuroOCEAN Conference Series

EuroOCEAN 2014 is the 8th conference of the successful EuroOCEAN series initiated in the 1990s. Previous conferences were held in Brussels (1993), Sorrento (1995), Lisbon (1998), Hamburg (2000), Galway (2004), Aberdeen (2007) and, most recently, Ostend (2010). Since 2000, EuroOCEAN conferences have been organized by the European Marine Board and the European Commission (DG Research & Innovation) in partnership with the national agencies hosting the event. EuroOCEAN conferences are normally organized in association with a country holding the Presidency of the European Union.

EuroOCEAN conferences bring together marine scientists and science stakeholders to discuss and identify priority challenges and opportunities for marine science. Through EuroOCEAN conferences, the marine and maritime research community responds to, and impacts on, European science policy developments. Since EuroOCEAN 2004, conference delegates have delivered joint policy statements in the form of declarations. EuroOCEAN declarations are designed to draw the attention of research funders and policy makers to the key societal and scientific challenges for achieving a sustainable interaction with the coasts, seas and oceans. These statements have been critical drivers of research and policy developments in Europe.

EuroOCEAN 2014 will continue in the tradition of the preceding EuroOCEAN 2010 conference that took place in Ostend, Belgium and was attended by more than 450 delegates.

At the announcement of the EuroOCEAN 2014 conference in June 2013, **Máire Geoghegan Quinn**, EU Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science noted that, *"EuroOCEAN is considered as a top science conference in Europe which delivers concrete messages to science and policy. These are instrumental in strengthening the knowledge base for Europe and developing common priorities in the area of marine sciences"*.

We look forward to seeing you in Rome at EuroOCEAN 2014.

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